

Homework 7

Web Problem #1.5

1. Inside a nuclear reactor, there is a **thermal** flux of $2.3E13$ neutrons/cm²-s. The core is made up of pure uranium 235 (10%) and water (90%). Answer the following questions:
 - a. What is the volumetric rate of scattering (scatters/cm³) of neutrons off the hydrogens in the water?
 - b. What is the volumetric rate of fissions (fissions/cm³) of uranium in the core?
 - c. What is the volumetric rate of total absorptions in the core?
 - d. How would your answer to c change if you considered that there was also a fast flux of $2.3E11$ neutrons/cm²-s. For the purposes of this problem, assume that the fast neutrons have a single energy of 2 MeV.